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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 19-24 and 27-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Forman (4279469).

Forman (Figures 1-3) shows a gripping means for gripping a signal line comprising at least one rigid component 38 adapted to grip a sleeve 42 of a signal line (an optical cable) 12 wherein the gripping means includes a spring element 28 made of a flexible material, which engages and exerts a biasing force on the rigid component and away from the signal line to remove load of or loads on the rigid component . The spring element is embodied as a resilient sleeve on which the rigid component is placed. The spring element is placed between two rigid components 60. The rigid components are fastened for fastening the gripping means to the signal line. An edge of the rigid component 10 is at right angles to the centre line of the signal line. The gripping means can be released or partially released from the signal line. The gripping means is at least partially combined with the sleeve. The gripping means is provided with a holding member 64 and is remote from the side connected to the signal line. The signal line is influenced by loads on the signal line. The signal line passes in a smooth line in the gripping means. The rigid component forms part of the sleeve. The signal line is embodied in a flexible sealing element.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 4. Claims 25-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forman (4279469) in view of Hinze (5703754).

Forman discloses all the features of these claims except the hardness of the rigid component being between 10 to 100 shores. Materials of such hardness are well known. Hinze discloses the use of materials with such hardness. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the instant invention to make the rigid component of hardness between 10 to 100 shores as taught by Hinze, since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use. In re Leshin, 125 USPQ 416.

Conclusion

- 5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892 attached.
- 6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until

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after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in

view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

the date of this final action.

Contact Information

8. Any correspondence to this action may be mailed to:

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Chandrika Prasad Primary examiner January 9, 2008